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SERVICE NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL

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1. HHE IMPORTS:

A. IN REGARD TO IMPORTS NON-DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES
ARE PERMITTED DUTY-FREE IMPORTS OF HHE FOR ONLY SIX
MONTHS AFTER THEIR INITIAL ARRIVAL AT POST. DIPLOMATIC
PERSONNEL HAVE NO LIMITATIONS.

B. NON-DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES AT POST FOR MORE THAN
SIX MONTHS BRING IN GOODS THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC
POUCH FACILITIES, IN THE NAMES OF THEIR DIPLOMATICALLY
ACCREDITED SUPERIORS OR THROUGH EMBASSY OFFICIAL
IMPORT CHANNELS.

C. WITH POST ACTION TAKEN (B ABOVE) THERE IS NO
DIFFERENCE OTHER THAN THAT POST MUST MAKE EFFORT TO
INFORM STAFFERS AND TO ENLIST ASSISTANCE OF
DIPLOMATICALLY ACCREDITED OFFICERS.0

2. CUSTOMS CLEARANCES - IMPORTS:

A. NON-DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS IMPORTS ARE
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SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS INSPECTION. DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL'S
HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS INSPECTION.

B. HOST GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN MAKING AN ISSUE
OUT OF THIS AND SO LONG AS DOCUMENTATION IS PROPERLY
PREPARED, BOTH TYPES OF SHIPMENTS ARE TREATED IN
SIMILAR MANNER.

C. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE AT PRESENT.

3. PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES:

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DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES MAY, DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THEIR TOUR, IMPORT A USED (EMPHASIS ON USED) CAR FREE OF DUTY AND TAX. THE VEHICLE ABSOLUTELY MUST HAVE BEEN TITLED IN THE NAME OF THE OWNER FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE EMPLOYEES ARRIVAL AT POST. IT MUST SHOW A MINIMUM OF THREE THOUSAND MILES ON THE ODOMETER AND MUST HAVE REGISTRATION PLATES. NON-DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES MAY BUY A USED CAR DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THEIR TOUR. IN EITHER CASE, THE CAR MUST BE EXPORTED UPON COMPLETION OF THE EMPLOYEES TOUR; IT MAY NOT BE SOLD OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF. DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED DUTY AND TAX-FREE IMPORT AND REGISTRATION OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES. NON-DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES MUST PAY A VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE OF APPROXIMATELY \$5.00.

B. POST HAS RECENTLY ADVISED ALL AGENCIES TO SHIP PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES OF STAFFERS CONSIGNED ONLY TO THE U.S. EMBASSY AND TO PROVIDE AN INVOICE SHOWING THE EMBASSY AS OWNER. USED CARS BOUGHT BY STAFFERS AT POST AND THOSE SHIPPED AS SPECIFIED ABOVE ARE REGISTERED AS OFFICIAL VEHICLES. AS FAR AS THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, THESE VEHICLES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE USG OWNED. THE INSURANCE FOR THESE IS CARRIED IN THE NAME OF THE USG.

C. THE IMPACT WHILE SUBSTANTIAL IN THE PAST WILL NO LONGER BE SO IN VIEW OF PARA 3.B ABOVE.

4. GASOLINE:

A. NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE NOT ENTITLED TO DUTY AND TAX FREE GASOLINE. DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL CAN OBTAIN A TAX REFUND ON GASOLINE UPON SUBMITTING THEIR RECEIPTS AND WAITING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

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B. NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL GET THEIR GASOLINE PROVIDED THROUGH EMBASSY FACILITIES AND DO NOT HAVE TO BOTHER GETTING REFUNDS.

C. THIS IS THE ONLY AREA WHERE NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL GET ANY ADVANTAGE. THEY MUST, HOWEVER, DRIVE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO GET TO THE EMBASSY'S GASOLINE PUMPS WHICH DOES CONSUME TIME AND FUEL WHICH CANNOT BE RECOVERED.

5. DRIVING LICENSES:

A. NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL PAY A \$3.00 FEE FOR BANGLADESHI OPERATORS PERMITS WHICH ARE GRATIS TO DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.

B. NO ACTION PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED AS THE AMOUNT IS MINIMAL.

C. NONE

6. COMMISSARY:

A. NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE NOT PERMITTED USE OF COMMISSARY FACILITIES ACCORDING TO CURRENT HOST COUNTRY REGULATIONS.

B. WHEN THE ISSUE WAS LAST RAISED (15 MONTHS AGO) THE EMBASSY VERBALLY TOLD HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES THAT THIS WOULD BE INTOLERABLE, THAT WE COULD NOT RECRUIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STAFFERS TO COME TO POST IF NO COMMISSARY WERE PROVIDED AND THAT THE MISSION COULD NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THESE STAFFERS. THE HOST GOVERNMENT DROPPED THE ISSUE.

C. NONE.

7. THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS NOT A SIGNATORY TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION.

8. ALTHOUGH REFTTEL A. DEALS ONLY WITH DIFFERENCES IN TREATMENT ACCORDED TO DIPLOMATIC AND NON-DIPLOMATIC

PERSONNEL, A CURRENT MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THE BDG IS ITS INSISTENCE ON INTENSIVE INSPECTION OF GOUTGOING HHE OF ALL PERSONNEL OSTENSIBLY ON GROUNDS THAT ANTIQUITIES ARE BEING EXPORTED ILLEGALLY.

8. USIS, DIA, AID AND AFSA CONCUR.
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